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Dear Tracy:

It will help to explain the purpose of this letter if you look at the enclosed "form letter". A few people have already replied with their assent to the project — Luria, Beadle, Delbruck, Demerec among others.

I understand that you are preparing a text in microbial genetics out of the material of your course. I am sure that everyone who has been teaching this material is looking forward to the publication of your text, for a good one is certainly needed.

As I see it, the proposed reprinting project should not conflict at all with the distribution of a textbook, but would make more readily available the source material which students should be digesting along with reading the text.

Something on Protozoa, that is to say, some of your work should be included in this project, but I have the unique problem [as I did in my review article in Heredity] that the field is too well covered already, particularly by your monograph in Advances in Genetics, in a form that would not be suitable for republication. I think, however, that it might ~~have~~ be worthwhile considering your 1943 PNAS paper, because of its general implications, together with one of your most recent summaries of your serological work, for its revised viewpoint. I haven't asked Johnny about it yet, but we should certainly also have one of the "enumeration of kappa" reports, depending on space considerations.

Your guidance on this problem would be greatly appreciated. In addition, if you are willing to be cited as a possible contributor, for the UW Press's evaluation questionnaire, I would appreciate your sending me a note. We are still some ways from making a final selection, and your definitive permission will be asked for the reprinting of any specific articles.

Sincerely,

Joshua

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